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## CALIFORNIA METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED

## PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL A. KOLLAR, 32, Los Angeles, California, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. This case was the result of an 18 month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Evansville Police Department, Vincennes Police Department, Terre Haute Police Department, Gibson County Sheriff's Department, and Vigo County Sheriff's Department.

Kollar assisted Samuel T. Hargrove of North Hollywood, California, with packaging methamphetamine which was mailed to southern Indiana. Upon arriving in southern Indiana,

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Oscar McGraw and Daniel Cheshire distributed the methamphetmaine to their dealers in southern Indiana. From January 2001 through June 26, 2002, McGraw's organization distributed approximately 600 pounds of methamphetamine in western Indiana with a street value of approximately \$17 million.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed ten years supervised release following KOLLAR's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, KOLLAR must get drug treatment. KOLLAR was fined in the amount of \$2,000.

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